



U.S. Department Of Veterans Affairs

National Cemetery Administration

Alameda Point National Cemetery Fact Sheet

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The VA National Cemetery Administration is expanding access to burial benefits by developing Alameda Point National Cemetery, a columbarium-only cemetery, which will be part of the planned VA development of the former Alameda Point Naval Air Station to serve the Greater San Francisco Area.

Alameda Point National Cemetery is part of NCA's "Urban Initiative," which is a program to improve access to burial benefits in certain densely populated areas to better serve Veterans, their spouses and families. In some of the largest urban areas that VA serves – the San Francisco Bay Area, New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Indianapolis – the closest national cemeteries are more than 60 miles away. Both Golden Gate and San Francisco National Cemeteries are closed to first interments.



The first phase of Alameda Point National Cemetery will open with 25,000 niches and have a final capacity of approximately 300,000 niches. Construction is expected to begin in late 2020. Alameda Point National Cemetery is designed to have the capacity to serve Veterans and their eligible family members for the next 100 years or more.

Open Cemeteries that Service the San Francisco Bay Area

Until Alameda Point National Cemetery is open, the two closest open VA cemeteries are Sacramento Valley National Cemetery and San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery.

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery

Address:

5810 Midway Road, Dixon, California 95620

Phone: 707-693-2460

About: Sacramento Valley National Cemetery is the 124th cemetery built in the VA's national cemetery system. The 561-acre cemetery grounds were once part of the Hayman Ranch. A proud Marine and World War II Veteran, Alvin Hayman passed away five days after the land deal closed and he was the first burial at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery. The cemetery offers the following burial options: casket, urn (columbarium or garden plot), ossuary and memorial wall.



San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery

Address:

32053 West McCabe Rd., Santa Nella, CA 95322

Phone: 209-854-1040

About:

San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery is the 114th cemetery built in the VA's national cemetery system. The Romero Ranch Company donated the land for the cemetery to the Department of Veterans Affairs on Feb. 3, 1989. Construction of the 105-acre first phase began July 15, 1990. The cemetery has space available to accommodate casketed and cremated remains.



About the National Cemetery Administration

Burial in a VA national cemetery is open to all members of the armed forces and Veterans who have met minimum active duty service requirements, as applicable, and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. Members of the reserve components of the armed forces who die while on active duty or who die while on training duty under certain circumstances are also eligible for burial, as are servicemembers and former servicemembers who were eligible for retired pay at the time of their death.

A Veteran's spouse, minor children, and, under certain conditions, unmarried adult children with disabilities, may also be eligible for burial, even if they predecease the Veteran.

VA provides the gravesite, grave liner, opening and closing of the grave, government headstone or marker, U.S. burial flag, Presidential Memorial Certificate and perpetual care of the gravesite at no cost to the family.

The VA now provides eligibility determinations for burials in a VA national cemetery prior to the time of need. Pre-Need eligibility determinations assist Veterans and families in making burial plans ahead-of-time and help VA beneficiaries use the benefits they have earned. Additional information about the VA Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility Program is available on the VA website at <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/pre-need-eligibility/>.

VA operates 139 national cemeteries and 33 soldiers' lots and monument sites in 40 states and Puerto Rico. Almost 4 million Americans, including Veterans of every war and conflict, are buried in VA's national cemeteries. VA also provides funding to establish, expand, improve, and maintain 105 Veterans cemeteries in 47 states and territories including tribal trust lands, Guam, and Saipan. For Veterans not buried in a VA national cemetery, VA provides headstones, markers or medallions to commemorate their service. Information on VA burial benefits is available from local VA national cemetery offices, online at www.cem.va.gov, or by calling VA regional offices toll-free at 800-827-1000. To make burial arrangements at any open VA national cemetery at the time of need, call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 800-535-1117.